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POTENTIAL FOR DANGEROUS RIP CURRENTS ALONG DELAWARE BEACHES

The current track of Hurricane Frances indicates that Delaware will be spared tropical storm winds and rain, however, the National Weather Service cautions that there is a high probability that strong rip currents will develop along state beaches. While visitors and residents are expected to have ideal weather for Labor Day weekend outdoor activities, emergency officials remind the public that staying safe is the first consideration during a holiday.

Hurricane Frances is expected to weaken and move inland and northwest after crossing Florida, but weather experts warn that hurricane-related wave conditions are already affecting the Atlantic beaches. Delaware Emergency Management Agency officials urge those going to the beach over the holiday weekend to use caution going into the surf.

Moderate temperatures and dry, sunny weather will make Labor Day holiday weekend days very pleasant on the beach. However, emergency officials remind the public that, in addition to ocean conditions that contribute to rip currents, the life guard forces on area beaches are reduced at this time of year.

Those visiting beaches are asked to be aware of surf conditions, swim only in guarded areas and follow instructions from all lifeguard personnel. Those with any questions and concerns regarding surf conditions should consult local lifeguards or municipal authorities in beach towns.

The Weather Channel will include rip current advisories in hourly local weather condition updates.

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